

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed November 18, 2004. At the time of the Advisory Action, Claims 1-32 were pending in the Application. Applicant cancels Claims 9-15 without prejudice or disclaimer. No inference or assumption should be made because of these cancellations. Applicant intends to pursue the cancelled claims in a Continuation Application at a future time.

Allowed Claims

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-8 and 10-32 have been allowed. Applicant reserves the right to comment on the reasons for this allowability at a future time should Applicant deem it appropriate to do so.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clear and apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant believes no fee is due. If, however, this is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts, L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact its attorney, Thomas J. Frame, at (214) 953-6675.

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